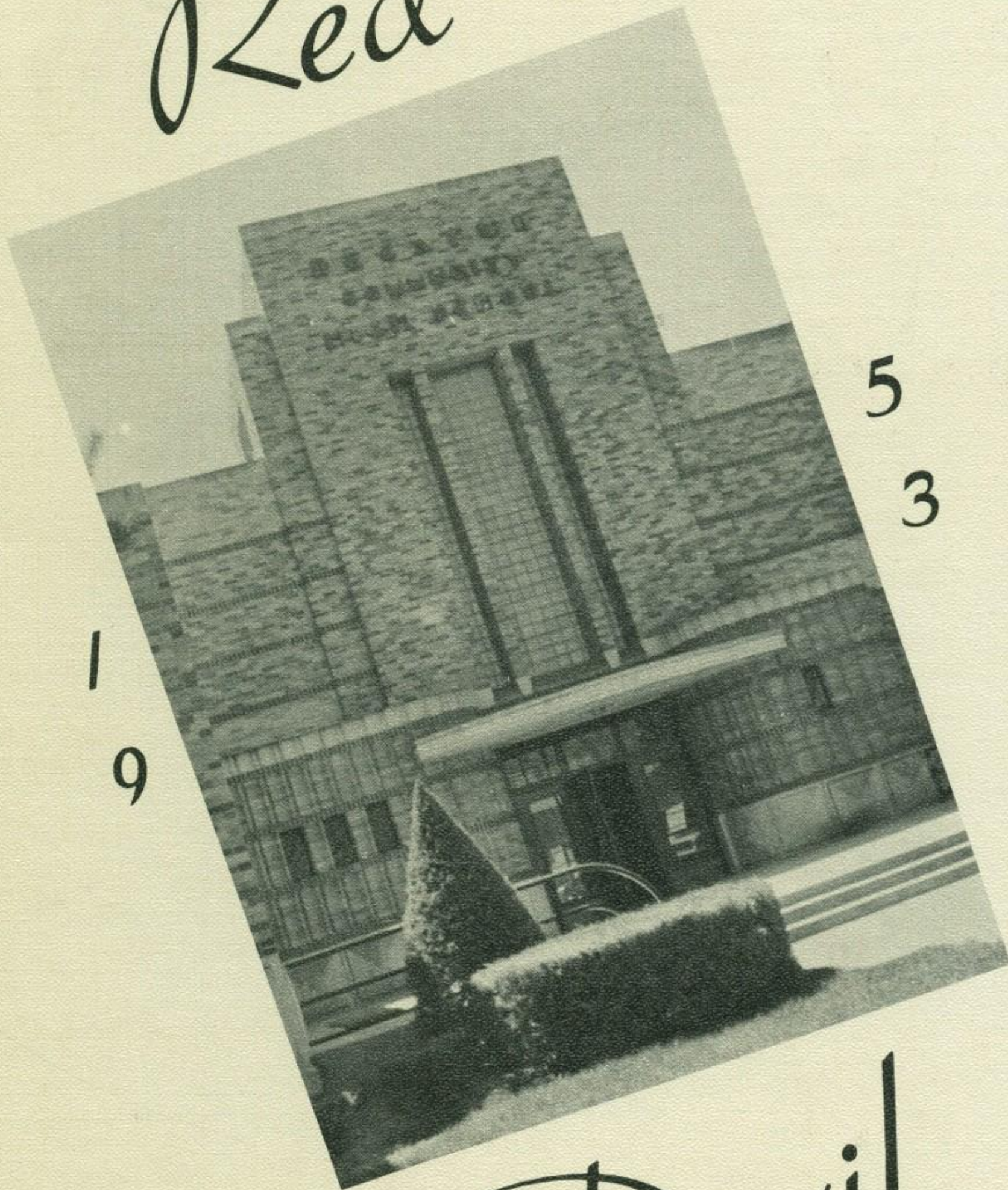


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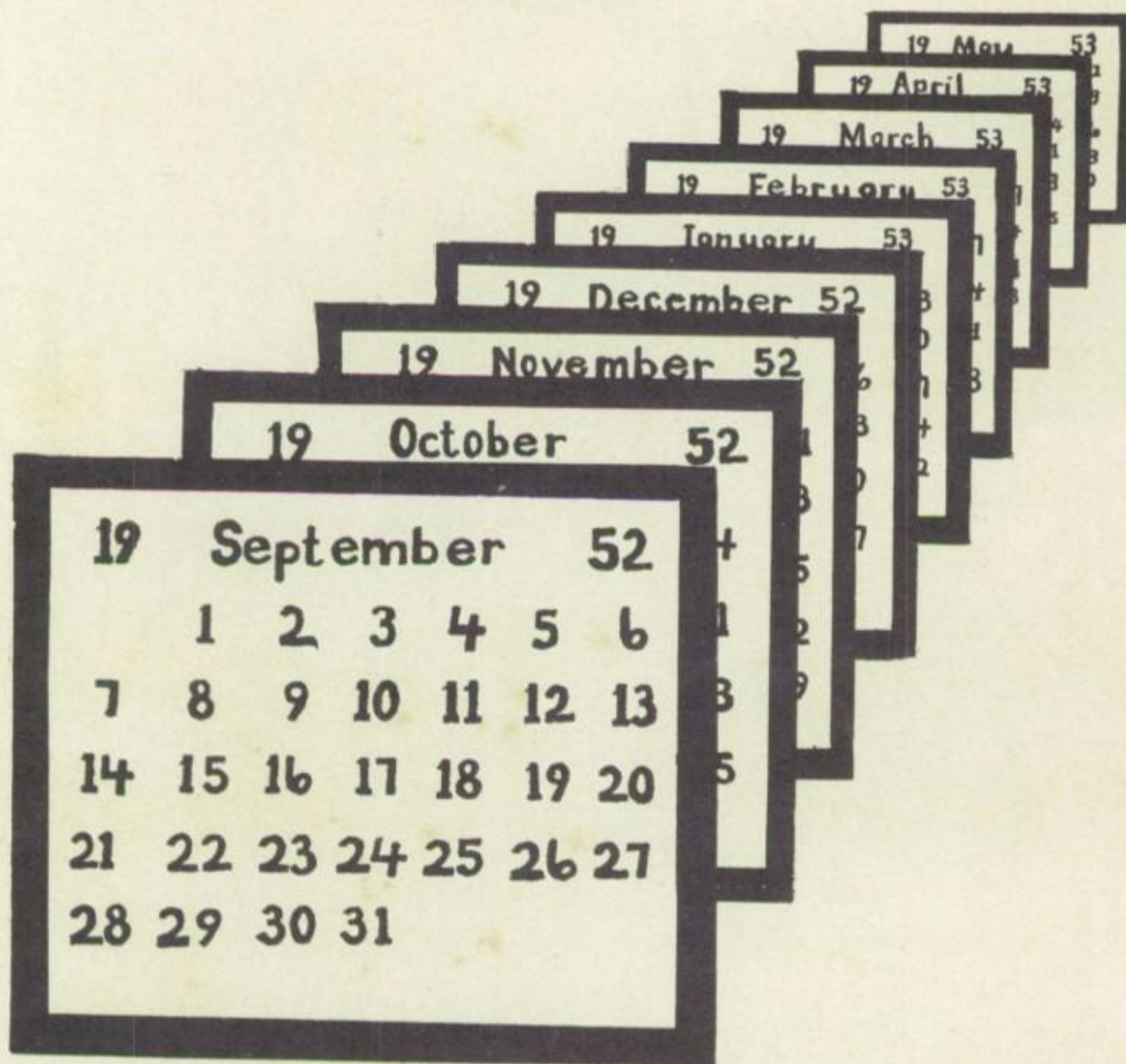
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Devil

Melvin Luther Colyer

The



Red Devil

Edited By
The Journalism Class
DECATUR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
Oberlin, Kansas

Dear Diary,
With the
memories of our
dim and may
forever will be the
life, the fun we
friends we made.

passing of time
school life grow
fade away. Gone
routine of school
had, and the
it is the hope



of the 1953 Red
as you glance
pages of this open
recapture those
and the memories

Devil staff that,
through the
diary, you will
moments — —
will live again.

Red Devil



ACTIVITIES



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Our Board of Trustees is made up of six members of the Board of Education plus the County Superintendent and our D.C.H.S. Superintendent. They hold their meeting once a month and without pay, strive to keep our school rolling smoothly. They contribute much of their time to handling the money and business administration of the school.



Our Student Council this year consists of four seniors, three juniors, three sophomores, and two freshmen. They meet with Mr. Mahon every Monday and following that each member gives the student council report to an assigned classroom.

Many subjects are discussed in these reports including noon-hour activities, parties, the various classes, sports, music, speech, and the students are given an opportunity to suggest any ideas they may have in regard to our school.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Bob King
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Carl Lafferty
Gary Coulter
Richard Barrett
Roy Gridley
Dan Miller
Derry Bishop
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Larry Guinn
Leroy Hoehner
Neil Votapka
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GERTRUDE RAILSBACK



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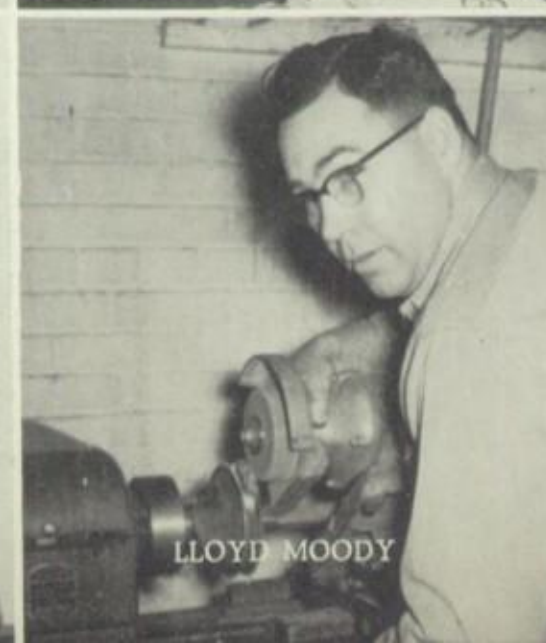
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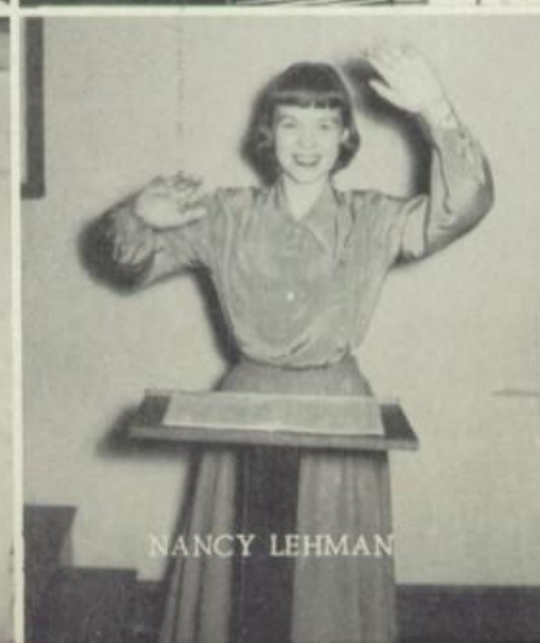
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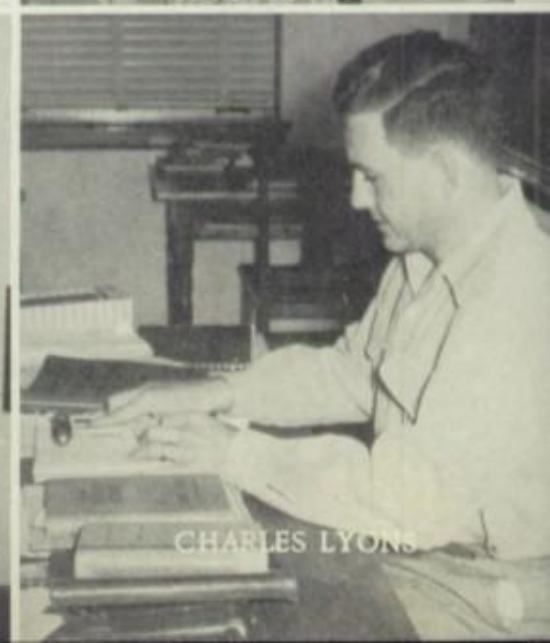
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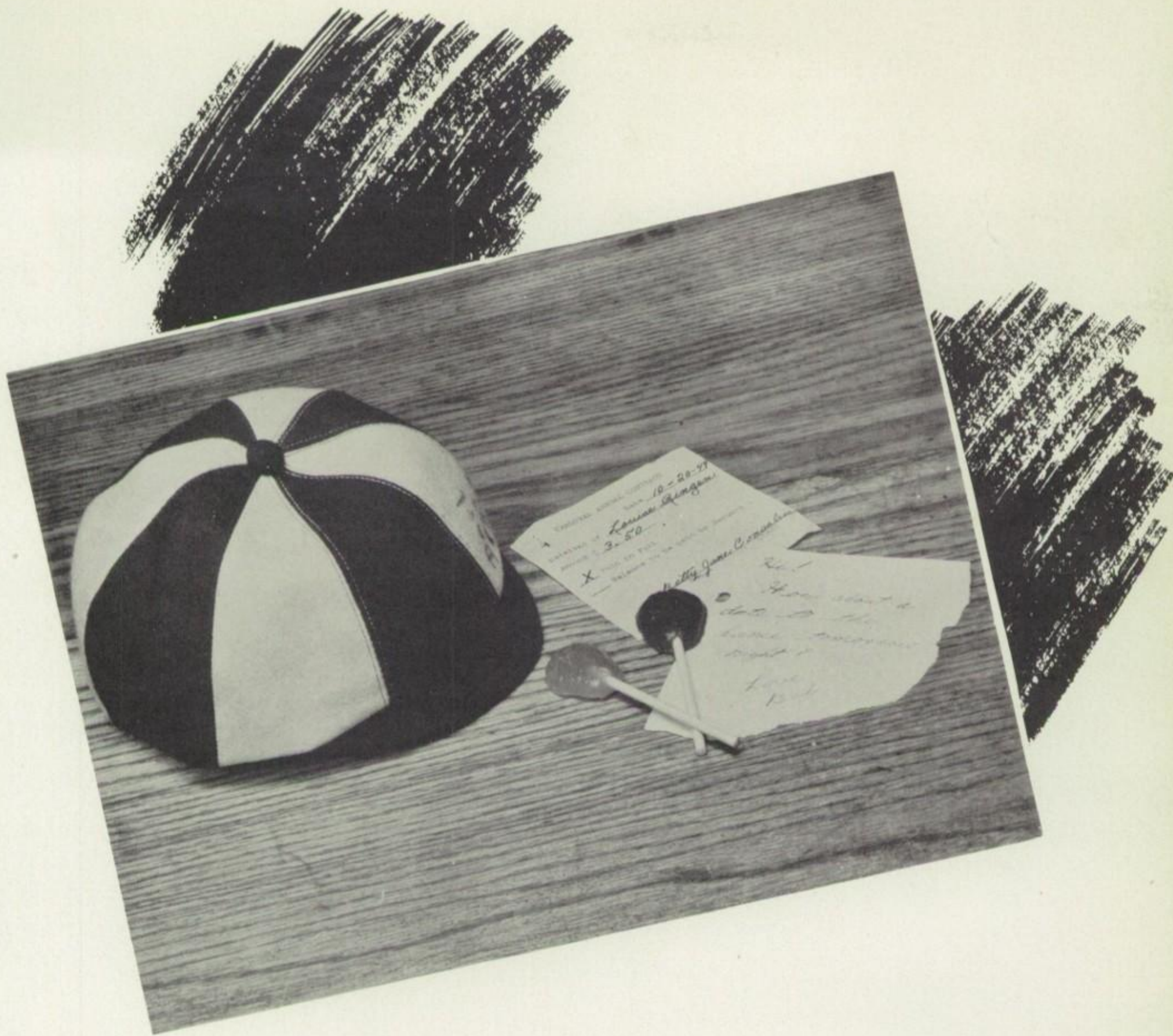
LLOYD MOODY



NANCY LEHMAN



CHARLES LYONS



Freshmen

Rusty Addleman
Elaine Barker
Arthur Berndt
Jack Carver



Derry Bishop
Class President

James Cederberg
Roger Cody
Raymond Corcoran
Marjorie Daniel

Barbara Edwards
Norma Frerichs
Bob Gaines
Larry Guinn

Colleen Hester
Allen Jeffus
Charles Johnson
Lynn Johnson

Shirley Doyle
Owen King
Don Kyte
Larry Law



Freshmen



Richard Lehn
Jerry Lohoefer
Jerry Macfee
Sally West

James Miesner
Beverly Morris
Forrest Paddock
Karen Pollnow

Dickie Purcell
Ronald Reist
Virginia Rezner
Donald Richardson

Lemoine Rush
Bill Schwab
Derry Stiner
Duane Unger

5 Peggy VanPelt
Ernest Vernon
Nila Walters
Jeanette Wurm



Cora Ann Turpin



Evan Moody
Vice-President



Dear Diary,

In reminiscence, we recall seeing at the start of the school, 43 new freshmen faces in the halls of D.C.H.S. These new faces were welcomed by every student, for in no time they were a part of us.

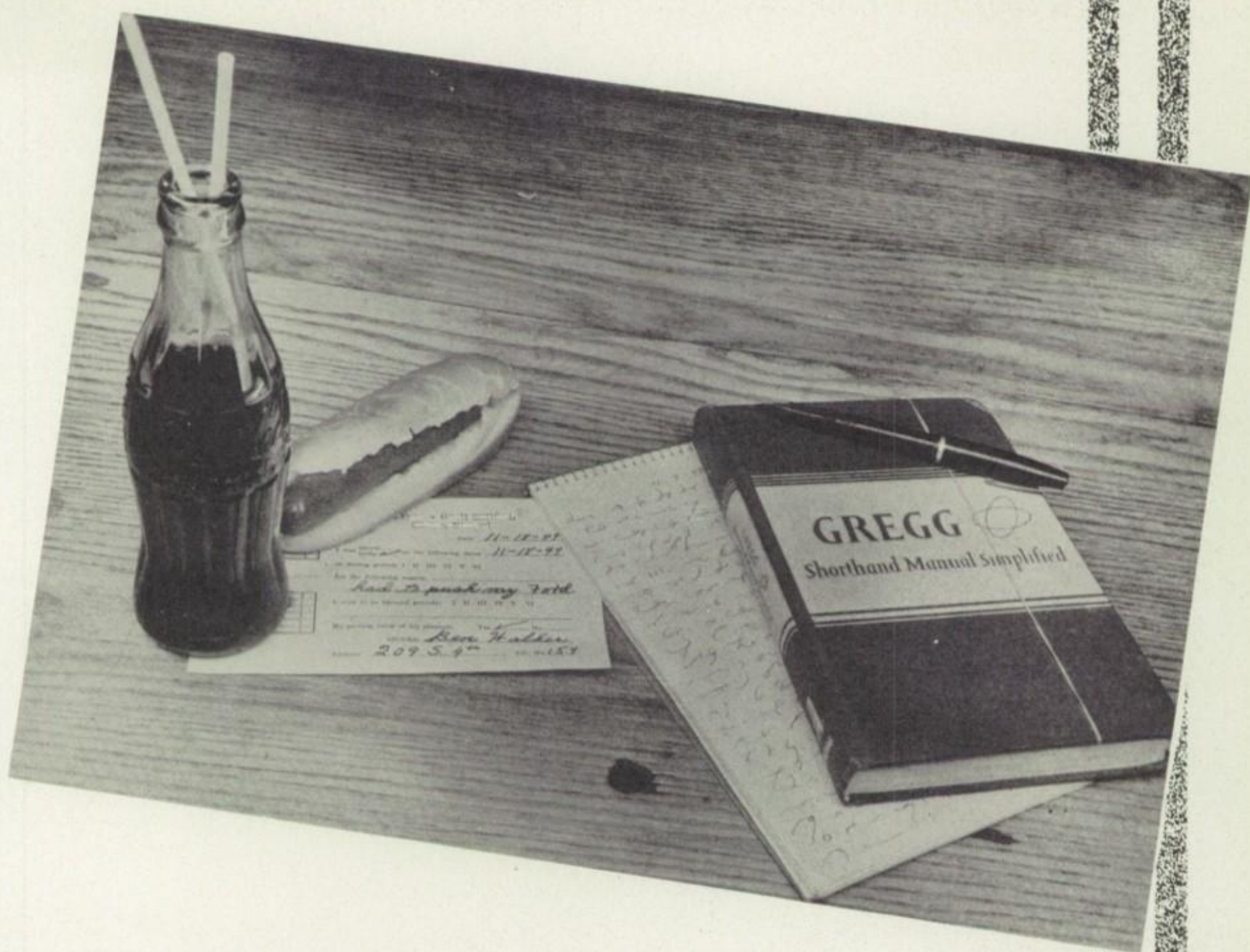
They chose as their class officers: president, Derry Bishop; vice-president, Evan Moody and secretary and treasurer, Jim Miesner. They have done well to carry on successful class meetings. Their sponsors are Mrs. Gertrude Railsback and Mr. Lloyd Moody.

Many of the freshmen have gone out for sports, even though they are too small to play. With determination and growth they will someday make the first team.

The girls have been taking a wide interest in home economics. They have sewed, cooked and even served at various banquets.

Agriculture seems to be a favorite of the freshmen boys. Other subjects that claimed freshmen were world history, algebra, general science, Spanish and speech.

A big event of the year was the freshmen party which was held at the shelter house in honor of one of their classmates, Barbara Edwards, who was leaving for California.



Sophomores

Phyllis Anderson
Keith Anthony
Wilbur Baker
Dennis Barratt
Betty Batterton

Glenva Beneda
Marlene Beris
Carolyn Bosler
Jerry Brand
Donna Bryan

Lola Caster
Larry Chance
Vernadean Euhus
Clifford Fiala
Arden Flaska

Don Frerichs
James Gaines
Francis Gallentine
Lamoine Galusha
Marion Gilbert

Joyce Hilsinger
LeRoy Hoehner
Rose Holliday
Barbara Huntley
Jerry Jones



Sophomores



Richard Kelley
Ray Kennedy
Don Lawson
Claudine Macfee
Arley Macy

Carol Messinger
Dan Miller
Henrietta Miller
Robert Morris
Margaret Morton

Maxine Olson
Marcia Petracek
Dee Anna Rathbun
Kay Rezner
Virgil Sauvage

Janice Schiessler
Eunice Shuler
Edna Smith
Gary Soderlund
Richard Thoren

Gary Torluemke
Neil Votapka
Martha Lois West
Norma Witt
Janet Wurm



Dear Diary,

As we stop to review the sophomore class today, the first thing we find is 50 versatile students. The reason we call them versatile is because so many of them take part in athletics, music activities, agricultural contests and some even entered the speech contest.

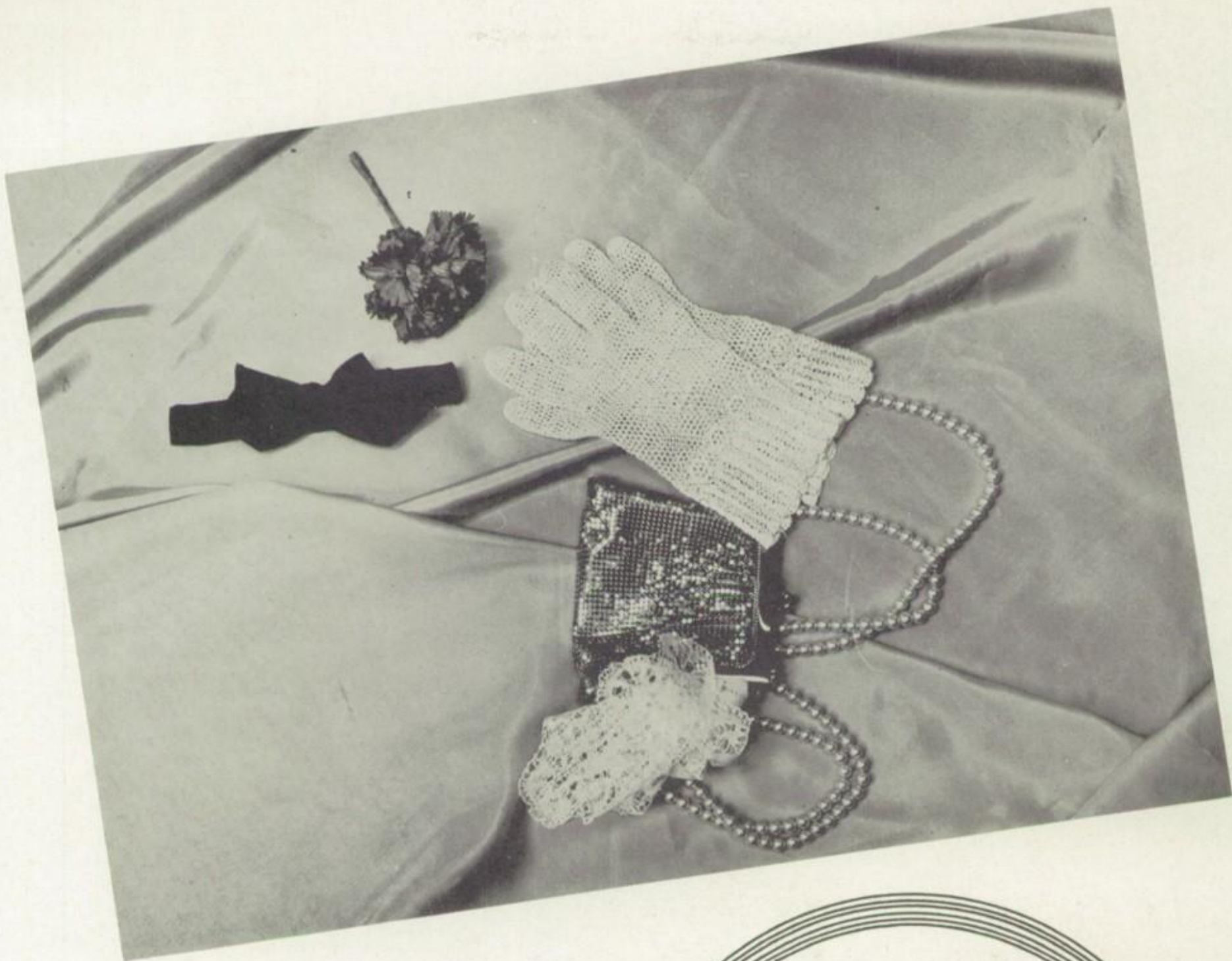
Then we remember one of the class meetings we looked in on. We found that the class as a whole



was very interested in their student-arranged program. Class officers are president--Neil Votapka, vice-president--Phyllis Anderson, and secretary-treasurer--Janet Wurm.

The subjects which a sophomore may enroll in include home economics, English, Spanish, agricultural, world history, general science, algebra, geometry, constitution, and manual training.





Juniors

Gary Allen
Waldo Anderson
George Barnhart
Richard Barrett
Wayne Bosler
Helen Bryan

Eleanor Burg
Carolyn Chambers
Barbara Corcoran
Beverly Cozad
Jo Ann Daniel
Marie Dean

Stanley Deines
Vernon Diederich
Lowell Foley
Rose Fritz
Nelda Haynes
Marcille Holmberg

Donald Humes
Victor Ingram
Alvin Johnson
Marjorie Jording
Emery Kathka
Nadiene King

Glenva Laidig
Ruth Laidig
Philip Law
Maralyn Magers
Sylvia Mahon

Juniors



Voyle Miller
Louise Morford
Mary Morton
Erma Jean Muckey
Leone Muirhead

Delbert Musgrave
Colleen Paddock
Anne Pavelsek
Daniel Plotts
Leila Raulston
Elaine Rippe

Dean Roedel
Dorothy Schwab
Garrold Schweitzberger
Roland Scott
Shirley Scott
Elna Shaw

Willard Shaw
David Simpson
Delores Soderlund
Bennie Spiers
Suzy Stevenson
John Tally

Norman Tally
Joe Thummel
Gary Townsend
Charollette Urling
Virgil Van Pelt
Beverly Wurm



"The Little Dog Laughed"



The Newsboy
Miss Gustavesky
Martha Huntington
Wally Huntington
Laurie Huntington
Sidney Huntington
The Woman
The Small Boy
The Man
Little Dog
Horatio P. Honeywell
Joan Wood
Mark Bradford
Caroline Blakesly
Walola Breckenridge
Amelia Dennis
Grace Schoenbeck
Thesese Brown
Lillian Wood
Ted Wood
George Barnhart

Maralyn Magers
Charolette Urling
Philip Law
Sylvia Mahon
Waldo Anderson
Margaret Stevenson
Darrell Moody
Vernon Diederich and
Daniel Plotts
Puddles
Norman Tally
Leila Raulston
Voyle Miller
Marcille Holmberg
Ruth Laidig
Dorothy Schwab
Glenva Laidig
Louise Morford
Mary Morton
Lowell Foley

The juniors have now become upper classmen and find that they have more responsibilities. Classes plus activities fill their time.

Eleanor Burg and Waldo Anderson made first team in debate.

The juniors claim a high percentage of the glee clubs and mixed chorus, and twenty juniors are in band. They were very prominent in "This Is It," the January variety show.

Two girls, Charolette Urling and Marcille Holmberg were voted by the student body and will go to Girls' State this summer. Dick Barrett and Waldo Anderson will go to Boys' State.

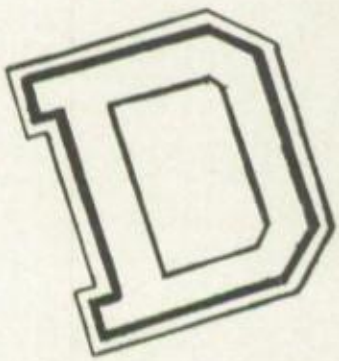
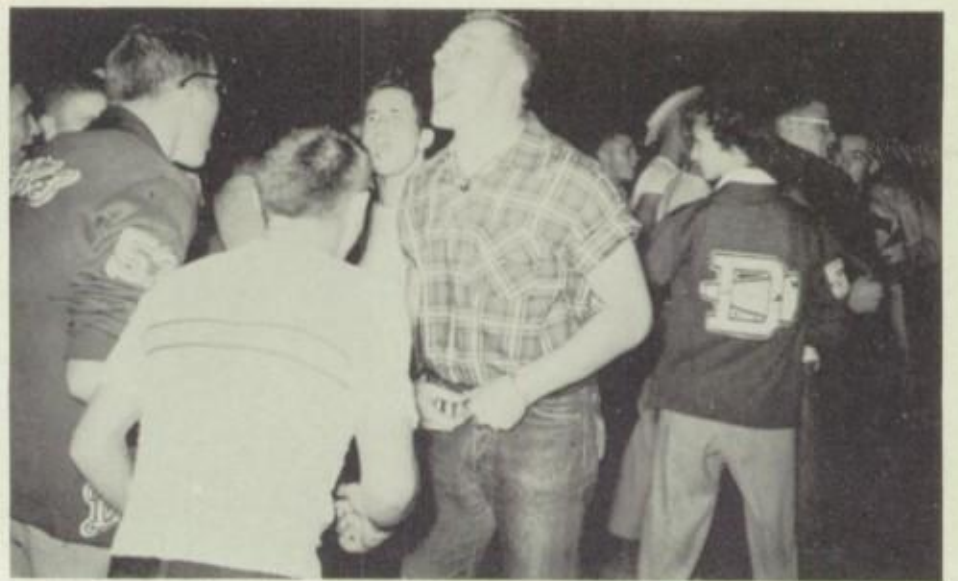
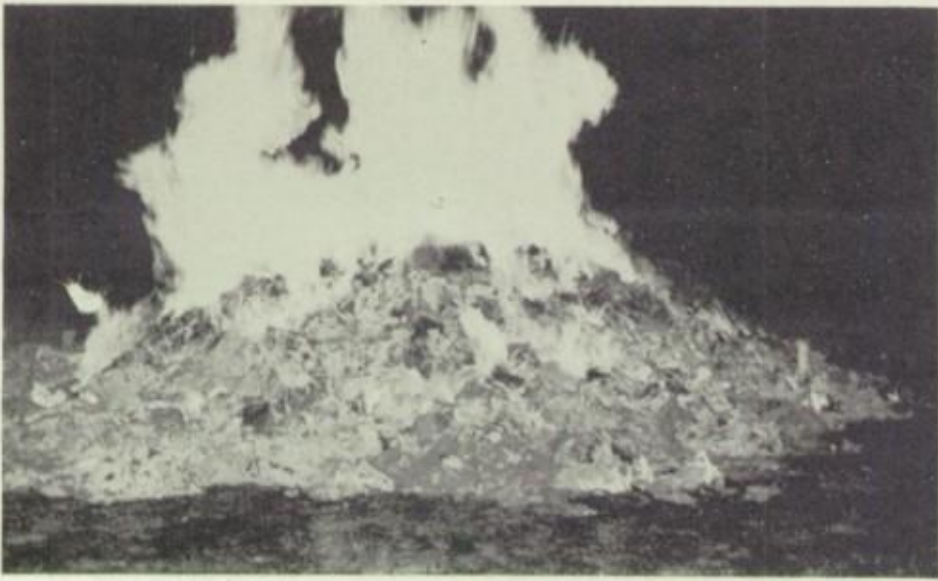
The officers of the junior class this year were president-Dick Barrett; vice-president-Marcille Holmberg; and secretary-treasurer-Beverly Cozad. Sponsors were Miss Madelyn Ableson, Mr. Jack Fields, and Mr. Luther Colyer.

When October rolled around the juniors staged a three-act comedy, "The Little Dog Laughed."

In April came the junior-senior prom and banquet with its problems of theme, program, decoration, and entertainment.

Many juniors have proved skill and talent which they have showed to fellow students and others throughout the year of 1952-53.



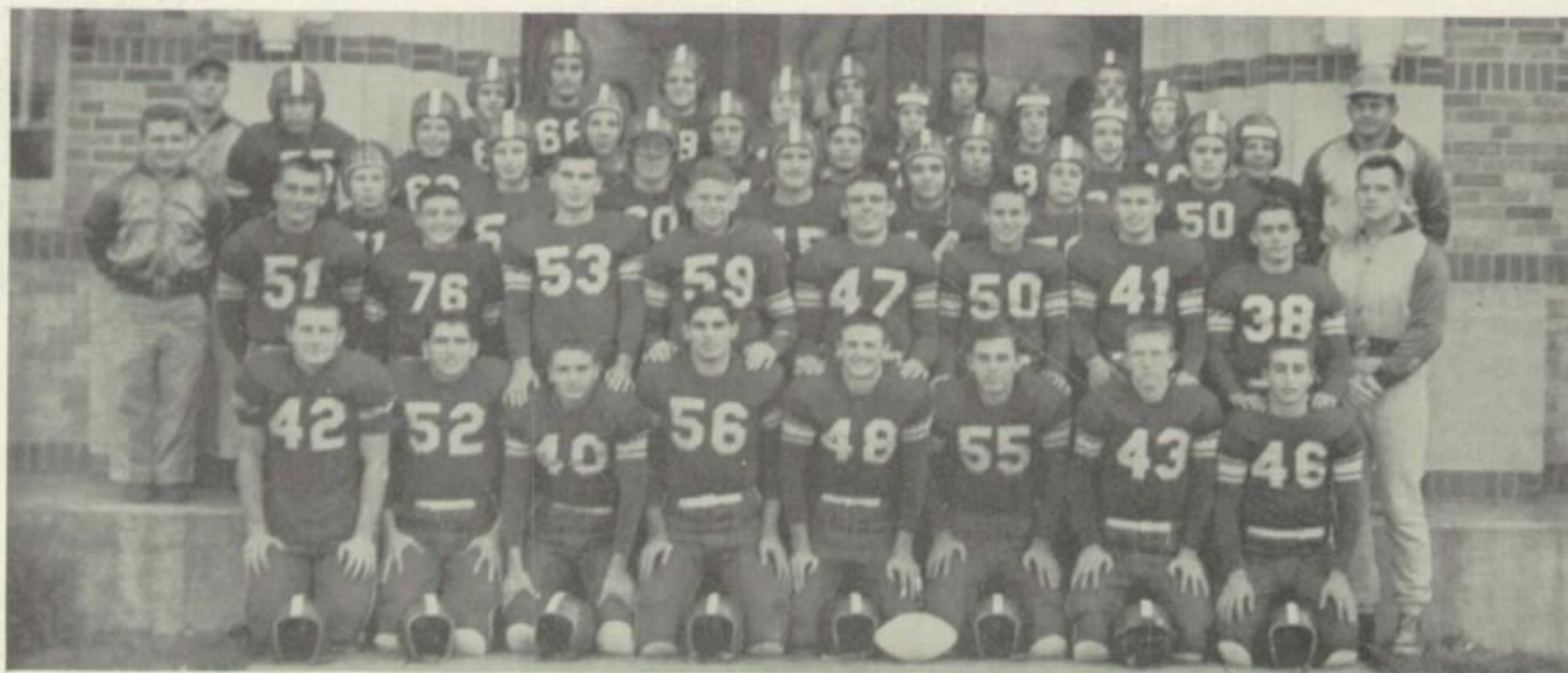


School spirit ran exceptionally high this year. Throughout the entire year our student body, led by their four cheerleaders, supported all teams with the utmost enthusiasm. The task of keeping school pep high was capably handled by the cheerleaders, who in conjunction with the pep committee planned all pep stunts, meetings, speeches, and rallies. This they did for the boys who did the actual work on the field, mat, court, and track.

The D-Club, made up of the lettermen, opened the year with initiation of new members and election of officers. Lee Fortin, Gary Quinn, and Wayne Bosler were elected president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively. The year was brought to a close by the annual Athletic Banquet, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Their speaker for the year of 1953 was Mr. Keith Lambert, assistant basketball coach from Kansas State College at Manhattan.



Undefeated-N. W. K. L. Champs



5TH ROW: Moody, Carver, Addleman, Vernon, Kyte, Jeffus, Macfee, Johnson, Schwab, Jones. 4TH ROW: Coach Hague, Lehn, Bishop, B. Corcoran, Kelley, Guinn, Richardson, Paddock, R. Corcoran, Coach Lyons. 3RD ROW: B. King, Soderlund, Baker, Miller, Johnson, Townsend, Henningson, Ingram. 2ND ROW: Morris, Roedel, Bosler, Weaver, Erickson, Brainard, Gridley, Shaw, Coach Lawson. 1ST ROW: Chapin, Marietta, Harris, L. Fortin, Moore, D. Fortin, Coulter, Brown. (Omitted-O. King)



COACH HAGUE

It was a determined and hard-working group that co-ordinated with Coach Jack Hague and his assistants, Bob Lawson and Charlie Lyons, to bring to D. C. H. S. a team that will long be remembered as, to quote Jack Hague, "A team that had willingness to work and a strong desire to win, a combination you can't beat!"

The Red Devil footballers swept through the season with eight wins and were held to a lone tie with Colby. A N. W. K. L. co-championship and an undefeated season were the accomplishments of the members of the Team of '52.



SEASON RECORD

P-burg	6	D. C. H. S.	45
St. Francis	0	"	7
Oakley	12	"	25
Colby	6	"	6
Goodland	0	"	26
Hoxie	7	"	27
Smith Center	0	"	25
Atwood	7	"	34
Norton	0	"	19

Grid Queen - Halloween Clean-up



A high light festivity in the fall of '52 was the crowning of the football queen. The honor was bestowed upon Joanne DeMay who, with her attendants, reigned over the Smith Center game after being crowned that afternoon in an assembly. Queen DeMay's attendants were Lynne Gaumer, Charolette Urling, Leila Raulston, and Elna Shaw. To celebrate the occasion a dance was held in the gymnasium after the game.



Following the annual tradition the Oberlin students held the Halloween Clean-up on October 30. Catering to elderly people, the students raked over 25 lawns and 26 truck loads of leaves were carried away. Much was accomplished in carrying out the original plan instituted in 1926.



Journalism

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 Reporters Marilyn White, Neva Cochran,
 Sandra Anderson, Jerridee Manning, Frances Krizek
 Faculty advisor Mrs. Gertrude Railsback

Dear Diary,

March 6 — Woke up with the journalism page in mind. 5:00 P.M. — Today is the deadline. I'm still frantically trying to finish the story.

March 7 — Rushed down to the high school to get the story typed so Mrs. Railsback can send it to the publishers. 10:30 A.M. — I'm still writing.

March 8 — Story finished and on its way by now. No more worrying until time to start a new page and publish another Dictator.

Advertising pays.

**Oberlin - Colby
Cop Co-Title**

The Oberlin Red Devils closed the 1952 football season with a win over their

Journalists keep informed.



Editors talk it over.

Red Devil RAMBLINGS

By Gridley

Students Help Holland

Reporters keep busy.



Debaters Wind Season With Two Trophies

Industrious Students Make Honor Roll



Girls edit yearbook.

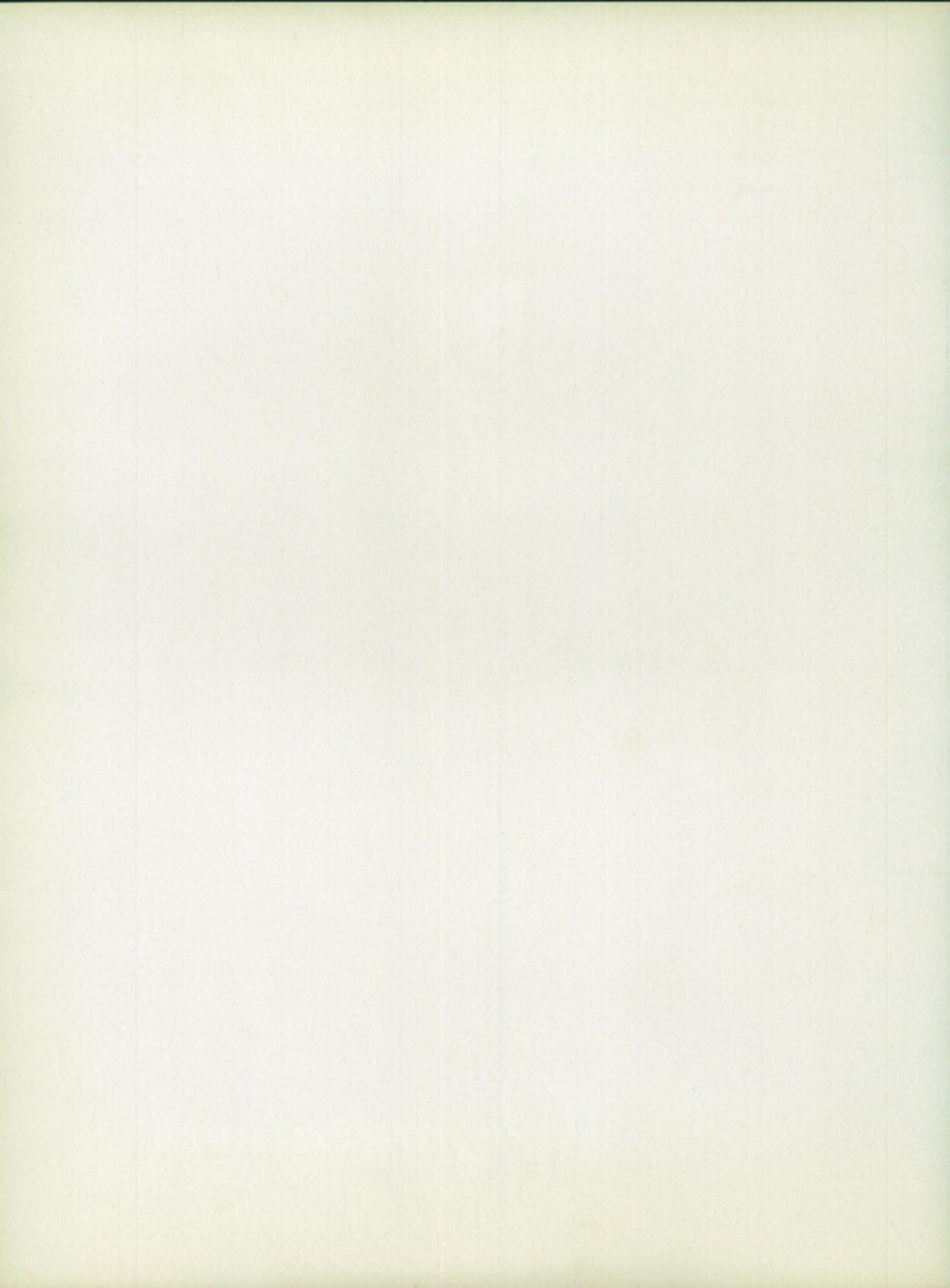
Boys Take NROTC Tests

The NROTC tests are to be given in McCook on December 12. Those senior



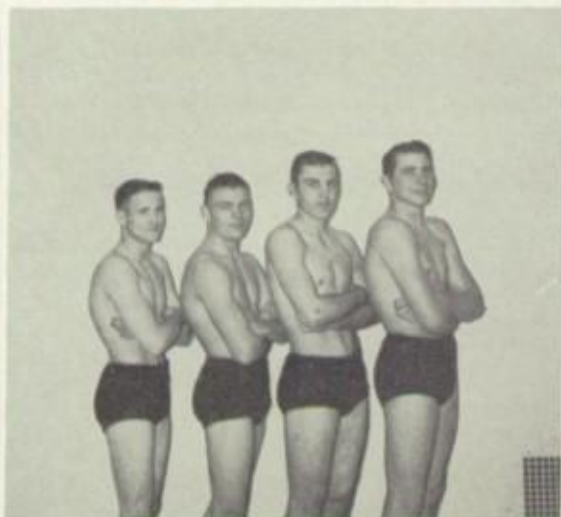


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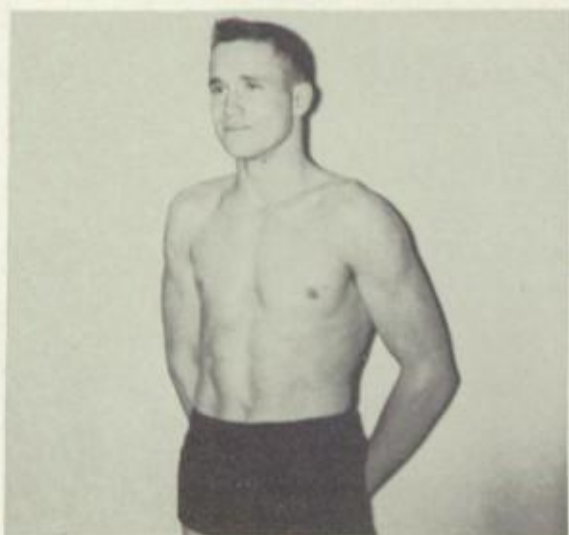


3RD ROW: Morris, Erickson, Marietta, Fortin, Kathka, Reist. 2ND ROW: Johnson, Guinn, Votapka, Brainard, Thoren, Corcoran, Kelly. 1ST ROW: Purcell, Cody, Rush, Shaw, Roedel, Steiner, Schwab, Coach Lyons.



STATE TOURNEY BOUND

STATE CHAMP '52



Wres

Although the winter winds blew and the snow often drifted high, almost every night one could see Charlie Lyons' wrestling boys running their outdoor conditioning course. This is an example of the spirit and determination that the 1952-'53 wrestlers maintained throughout the entire season.

Six lettermen, returning from the 1951-'52 championship team, and some twenty-five other hopeful candidates opened the season as soon as the fall footballs were put away. Of the seven dual matches scheduled, the Red Devils won three and placed fifth in both the league and regional tournies. Four boys, Dee Fortin, Jerry Marietta, Phil Erickson, and David Brainard qualified for the state meet.

Coach Lyons awarded letters to eight boys at the season's end and Dee Fortin was elected the team captain. No championship was won, but all the fellows who participated profited by the experience in sportmanship and competition.

B-SQUAD AT WORK



DR. LYONS

HEAD MAN



tlings



**Moore, Ridley
Make All-Area**



Buffs Fall 34-7
Atwood Becomes Eighth
Victim of Rampaging
Red Devils

**Oberlin - Colby
Cop Co-Title**



DeMAY QUEEN OF '52



**Win Over Colby
Ends BB Season**



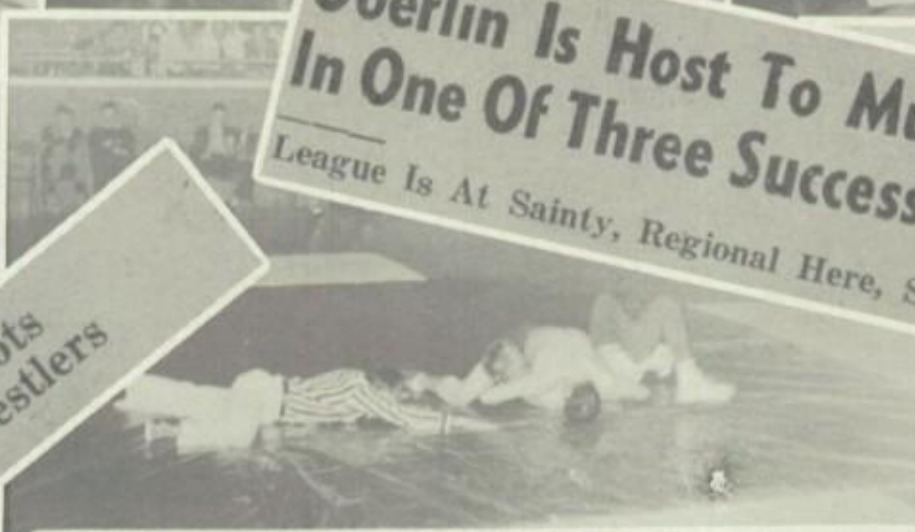
Grapplers Close Regular Season
Norton Is 28-20 victim In Dual Match Finale



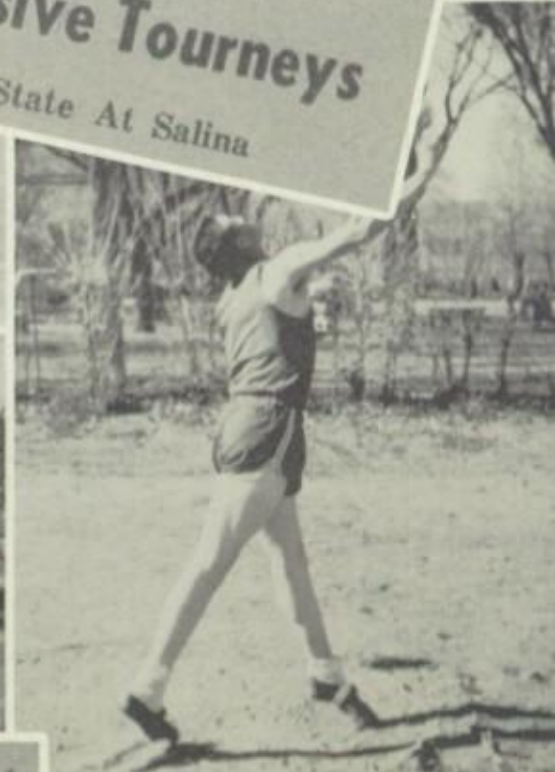
**Oberlin Is Host To Muscle Men
In One Of Three Successive Tourneys**
League Is At Sainty, Regional Here, State At Salina



**Fortin Pilots
1953 Wrestlers**

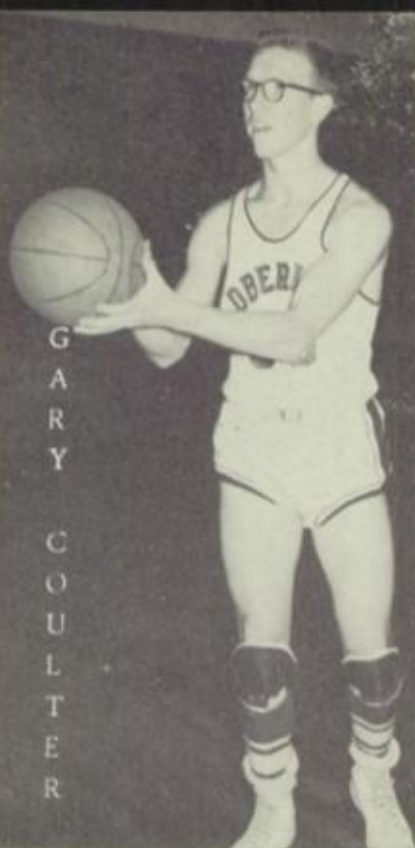


Cindermen Capture Second At League Meet



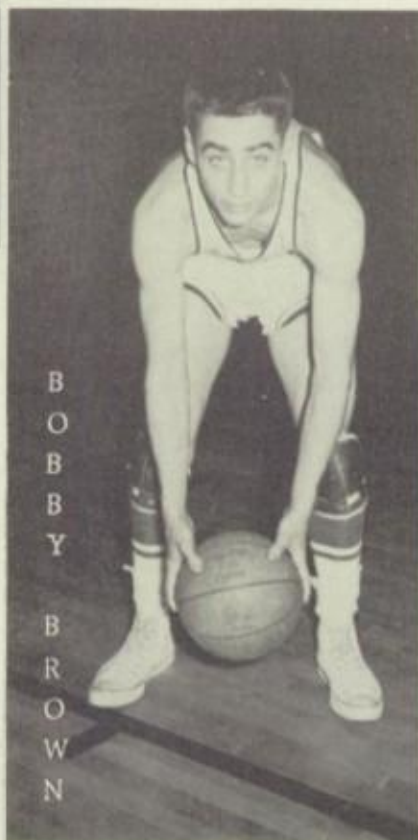


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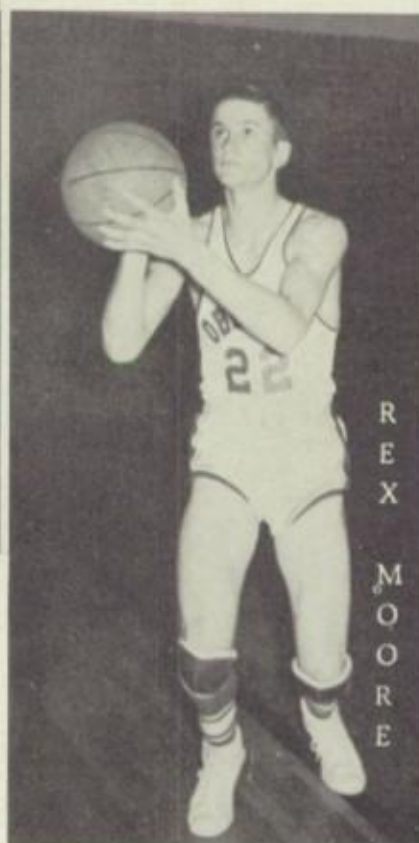


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COULTER

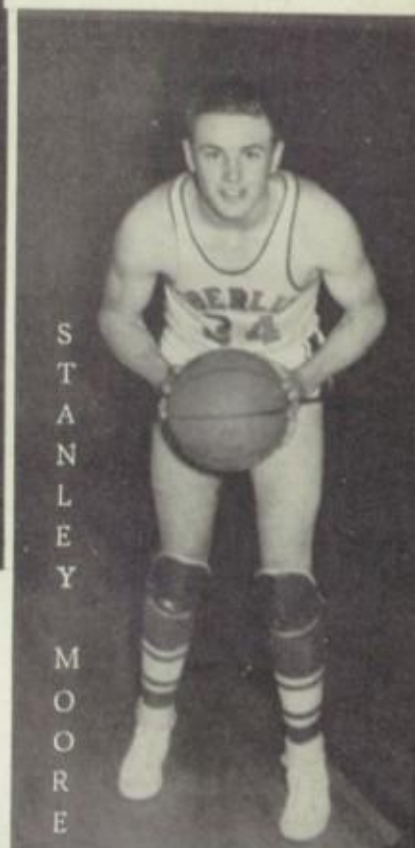
A star in his own rights at Ottawa University, Coach Lawson began his first year of coaching at Oberlin High School this year. With five returning lettermen from last year's championship team, Coach Lawson coined a third place league team with a season record of fifteen wins and eight losses. Among other honors were second place in the District Tournament and third in the Regional Tournament



BOBBY
BROWN



REX
MOORE

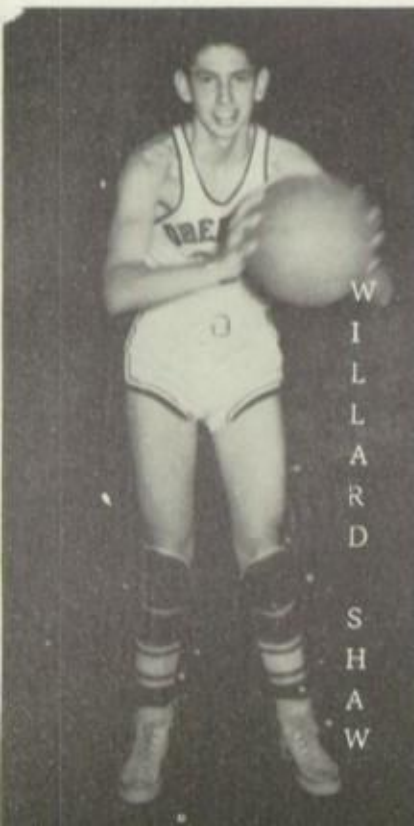


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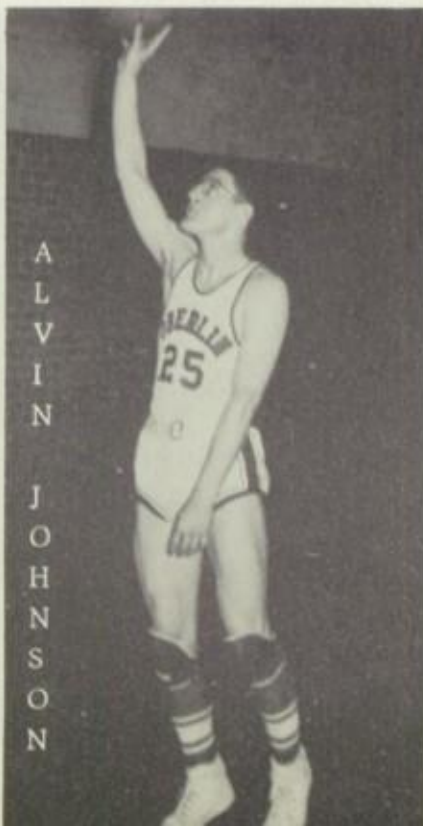
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19	48	Goodland	42
Jan. 2	67	Atwood	35
9	50	Colby	49
14	73	Oakley	42
16	60	St. Francis	50
20	40	Norton	49
22	48	Wichita East	68*
23	42	Coffeyville	73*
Feb. 3	52	Hoxie	36
6	45	Goodland	60
10	65	Atwood	28
13	52	Colby	63
14	46	Garden City	54
20	59	St. Francis	46
24	58	Norton	48
27	59	Oakley	41
Mar. 5	48	Norton	46*
6	52	Smith Center	55*
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Tournaments •

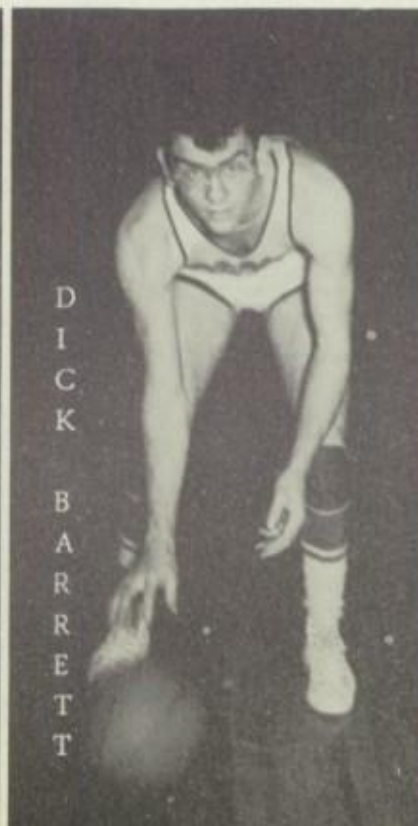
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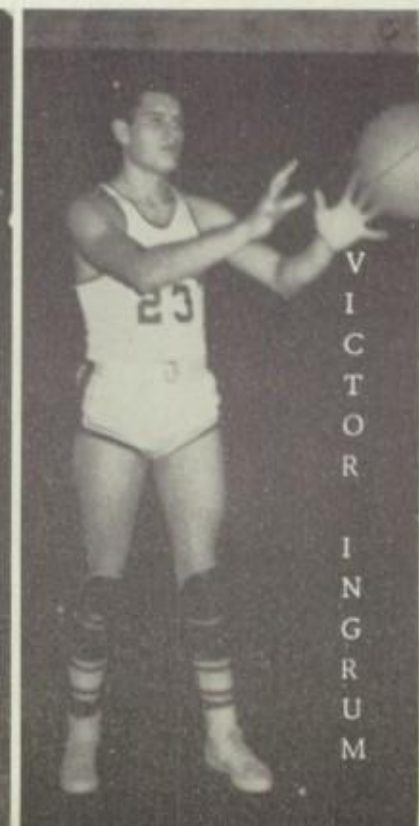
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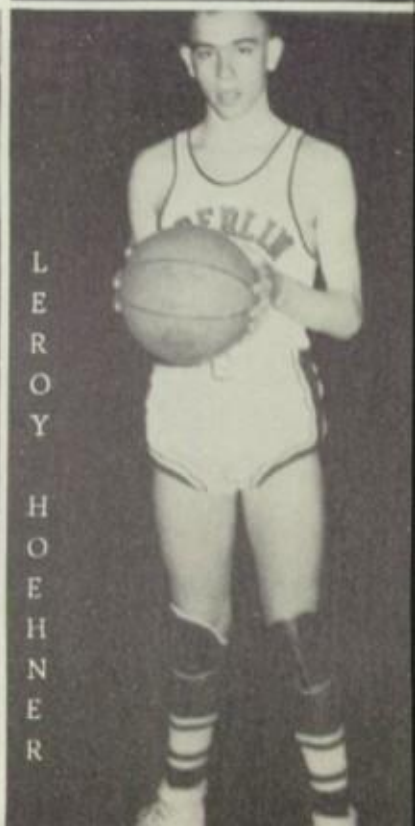
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LEROY
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Y-TEEN CABINET

Presidents - Nancy Johnson, Janette Nelson
 Secretary-Treasurer - Louise Morford
 THIRD ROW: Advisor Mae Benne, Laidig, Scott,
 Nelson, Johnson, Thomsen, Mahon, Advisor Donna
 Brown. SECOND ROW: Morford, Muckey, DeMay,
 Bryan, Leake. FIRST ROW: Cochran, Raulston.



Oklahoma !



HI-Y CABINET

President - Ronald Torluemke

Vice-president - Waldo Anderson

Secretary-Treasurer - Bob King

THIRD ROW: Metcalf, Coulter, Magers, Anderson, Torluemke, Jennings, Advisor Luther Colyer.

SECOND ROW: Shaw, King, Barrett, Cody, Lohoefer.

Dear Diary,

This has been a great year for the Hi-Y and Y-Teen. To dig deep and work hard. An event presenting our purpose most was the World Day of Prayer with the whole school participating.

The Y-Teen Banquet, "Oklahoma," with its western atmosphere was something to be long remembered by parents and daughter alike. A picturesque scene was the boys' rendition of "Tumblin' Turnleweed" and "Heap Big Smoke."

Our pops really enjoyed themselves at the Hi-Y Chili Feed. The play reminded them of the tricks they used to play. Wilbur, feeling angry because he didn't get invited to a party, put sleeping pills in the punch, then fell asleep himself and missed the angry comments.

We've had such fun, Diary, working and playing together, and I know Hi-Y and Y-Teen have helped us to prepare for the future.





As the months slipped by and we flipped up December on the Calendar, Christmas festivity filled the air. Included in the many highlights of the season were the Christmas Vesper Program, the Y-Teen Program and the Christmas Party following the Goodland game.

Much Christmas spirit was shown by decorations in front of the schoolhouse, up and down the halls, and Christmas trees and bulletin boards in the teachers' rooms.

The Yuletide Season





Dearie

*This
is
It*



Honeybun



Combo

Something old (Dearie), something new (Cindy Ella), something borrowed (Everyone Beware), and something blue (Blue Moon) were a few of the many attractions of the first D.C.H.S. Variety Show. Eighty students and faculty members took part in the show, which consisted of 25 acts varying from the mingled voices of the Triple Trio to the hilarious antics of Martin and Lewis. A full house enjoyed the first performance and a second performance was necessary to accommodate the capacity crowds. The show was under the direction of Nancy Lehman, Madelyn Ableson, and Jack Fields with Voyle Miller acting as Master of Ceremonies.



Everybody Beware



Blue Moon



First Piano Recital



Margaret Ann Morton
Humorous Reading
District II



Vernadean Euhus
Humorous Reading
District I
State IV

Debate Speech and Drama



Shirley Scott
Dramatic Reading
District III



Eleanor Olson
Dramatic Reading
District II

Dear Diary,

Early in Sept. --This month was full of many activities as ten students joined together in Mrs. Railsback's room to start preparing for the debate season. We found the question for this year one of high interest as it concerned our foreign policy in Resolved: That the Atlantic Pact Nations should form a Federal Union.

Dec. 6--Today, the Oberlin debate team won their first tourney as they swept through their own invitational undefeated with Phillipsburg and Osborne following with one loss each.

Jan. 24--Well, dear diary, today will be one of happy memories for all the debaters and D. C. H. S. as well as they were proclaimed Northwest Kansas Debate Champions by winning the Northwest Kansas Debate Tourney at Hays. The trophy is certainly a beautiful piece of hardware.

Jan. 31--We journeyed to Lawrence today, dear Diary, to participate in the state debate tournament. We didn't place, but we had the satisfaction of being one of the top six teams in the state.

Mar. 28--Well, the debate season is over and speech is now in the limelight. Today, we journeyed to Hays to participate in the District Speech and Drama Festival. We received a total of six I's which entitle us to return to Fort Hays State College in three weeks for the State Festival.

April 18--Two carloads of speech and drama students journeyed to Hays today to compete with the best talent found in this half of the state. We received high ratings of which the speech students can be proud.



Eleanor Burg
Debate, 1st Affir.
Standard Oration
District II



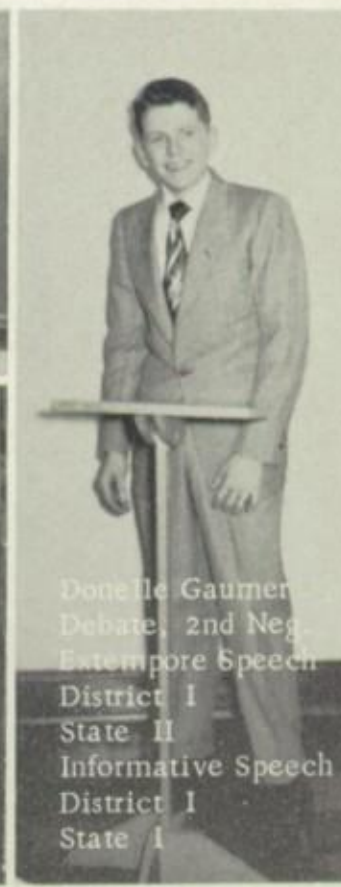
Waldo Anderson
Debate, 2nd Affir.
Extempore Speech
District II
Informative Speech
District I
State II



Gertrude Railsback
Debate and Speech Instructor



The Debate Squad



Donelle Gaumer
Debate, 2nd Neg.
Extempore Speech
District I
State II
Informative Speech
District I
State I



Ronald Torluemke
Debate, 1st Neg.
Standard Oration
District I
State II



"Nobody Sleeps"
District I
State II

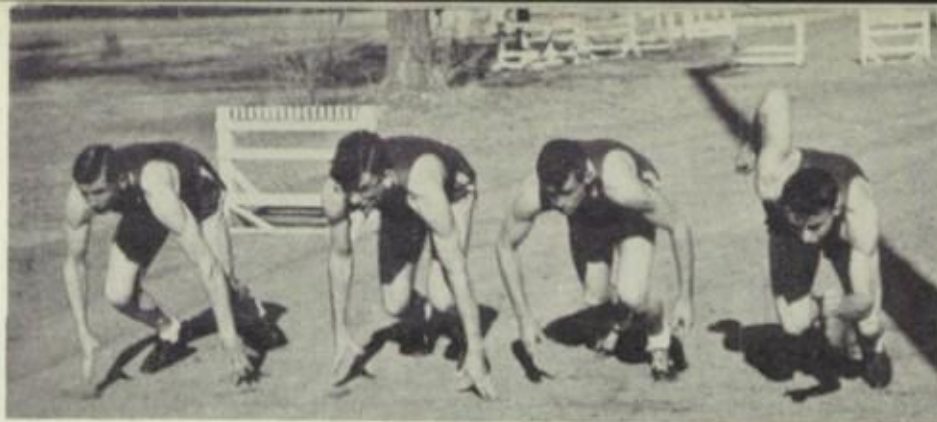


Features





Guinn sets school record
in high hurdles



In the spring these young men's fancies turned to thoughts
of *Track and Field*
Events and so.....



Captain Moore--First in
league mile



Hoehner--up and over

Johnson goes 5'10" for
school record



Lawson, Hague, and Lyons figure for a few more points



Moore tosses for NWKL
record

Another record by Weaver



Mile relay team--Second in state

Shaw, Brainard, and Fortin take lead





DC HS Band

Dear Diary,

When school began last fall, the music wing was a noisy jumble of horn tooting and drum beating. Jack Fields, the new band director, probably had a few doubts as to whether or not he would ever get any band harmony out of the troupe by the end of the year.

The music wing is still a noisy place during fourth hour, but as the weeks rolled by one began to hear a sound resembling a melody.

Under the direction of Mr. Fields the band has participated at the football and basketball games, band concert, pre-festival concert and the District Festival where they obtained a I rating.

One of the highlights of the school year for the band was the annual band banquet held in the 4-H building. In the remaining weeks of school the band took part in the out-door concert and commencement.





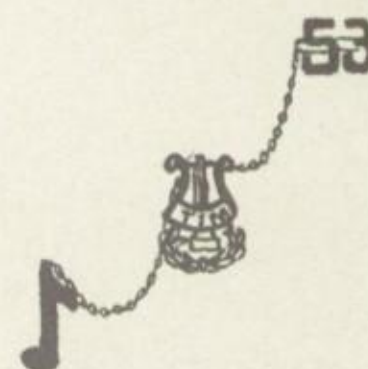
Dear Diary,

This year we followed the direction of a new teacher, Miss Nancy Lehman, in Mixed Chorus. Sixty-eight of us meet twice a week, every Monday and Thursday and more often before contest and special programs.

Taking part in the Christmas program, we sang the "Night Before Christmas." Working hard, we presented "You'll Never Walk Alone," and "In Thy Holy Presence" for the pre-festival concert and at the music festival. Dear Diary, we were very proud of ourselves at contest; we received a I!

At the beginning of the year we voted for officers which are president, Lynne Gaumer; secretary and treasurer, Bobby King. Librarians are Bobby Brown and Stanley Chapin.

Mixed Chorus





Vocalists

ENSEMBLES

Triple Trio - D I - S II

Boys' Sextet - D I - S I

Junior Sextet - D II

Sophomore Sextet - D II

Sophomore Girls' Sextet - D II

Sophomore Boys' Octet - D II

Boys' Ensemble - D III

SOLOISTS

Charolette Urling - D I - S II

Marcille Holmberg - D II

Lynne Gaumer - D I - S I

Eleanor Olson - D I - S II

Leila Raulston - D I - S II

Don Shaw - D I - S II

Wilbur Baker - D II

Gary Coulter - D II

Phil Erickson - D I - S II

Jack Metcalf - D I - S II

Richard Thoren - D II





Instrumentals

SOLOISTS

Virginia Vernon - Trombone Solo
DI - SII

Phil Law - Cornet Solo - DI - SII

Delmar Richards - Cornet Solo - DII

Nancy Johnson - Tuba Solo - DII

Ruth Laidig - Drum Solo - DI - SI
Piano Solo - DI - SI

Marjorie Jording - Clarinet Solo - DII

Bonnie Taylor - Piano Solo - DII

Dixie Rathbun - Vocal Solo - DII

Nancy Janousek - French Horn Solo
DI - SI

Marcia Petracek - Saxophone Solo
DI - SII

ENSEMBLES

Trombone Quartet - DI - SIII

Brass Sextette - DI - SIII

Drum Trio - DI - SIII

Drum Quartet - DI - SII

Saxophone Quartet - DII

Clarinet Quartet - DII





Glee Clubs

The Girls' Glee Club consisting of 78 members under the direction of Nancy Lehman meet every Tuesday and Friday mornings.

This year the girls sang at the community Good Friday program at the high school and for the pre-festival concert and the music festival April 10-11. Their rating was 1.

The officers consist of President Janette Nelson, Secretary Amy Jane Thomsen. Librarians are Marcille Holmberg and Joanne DeMay.

The Boys' Glee Club consisting of 52 members under the direction of Nancy Lehman meet every Wednesday morning.

The boys sang for pre-festival concert and for the music festival. Their rating was 1.

The officers consist of President Gary Coulter, Secretary Bob King. Librarians are Stanley Chapin and Wilbur Baker.





Readin' Ritin' Rithmetic Pays Off

The awards for Emporia Scholarships are greeted with as much pride by the scholars of D.C.H.S. as are the athletic letters by the athletes. Out of the 57 selected students, 24 placed with state awards.

The following students placed:

physics: Robert Henningson, third; Donelle Gaumer, H.M; chemistry: Jim Sawyer, first; Ronald Torluemke, H.M; biology: Robert Henningson, H.M; English: James Cederberg, second; algebra: James Cederberg, third; plane geometry: Ray Kennedy, H.M; Shirley Scott, H.M; Ruth Laidig, fourth; solid geometry: Jim Sawyer, fourth; American history: Roy Gridley, H.M; Spanish I: James Cederberg, third; Spanish II: Shirley Scott, third; Ruth Laidig, first; Eleanor Olson, fifth; spelling: Dennis Barrett, H.M; bookkeeping: Virginia Vernon, H.M; business arithmetic: Evan Vernon, first; shorthand: Louise Morford, H.M; Lillian Skubal, H.M; Majorie Jording, H.M; agriculture: Waldo Anderson, first; Virgil Van Pelt, second. The mathematics and physical science team, placed second in the state.





1952-53 FFA Officers



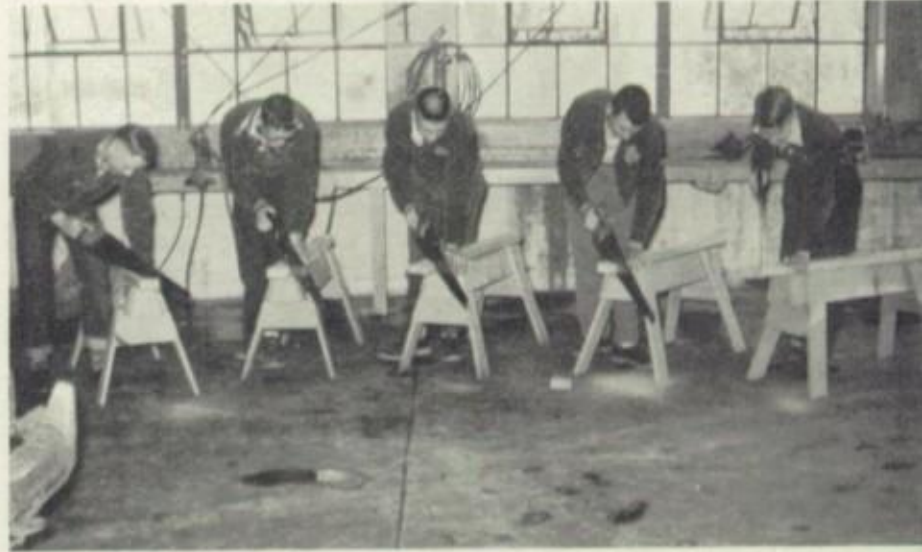
Public Speaking: SENIOR DIVISION - Waldo Anderson 1st;
Ronald Torluemke 4th.
SOPHOMORE DIVISION - Dennis Barrett
5th.
FRESHMAN DIVISION: - Lynn Johnson
11th.



Oberlin Chapter Delegates to State
Convention.



Judging Team - District-Dairy-3rd; District-Animal
Husbandry-12th; District-Poultry-10th.
State Dairy - Silver Emblem
State Animal Husbandry-Bronze Emblem
Hays Judging - 10th



Farm Mechanics Team
South West Lakin-3rd
North West Oberlin-5th





Dressed our best for the public.

Mardi Gras

Dear Diary,

What a night! A prom through town, a "Mardi Gras", banquet and program, a dance and crowning of the King and Queen, a midnight movie, a coke and carnival party and a whoppin' breakfast--these were our prom activities.



"Mardi Gras" couple.



King Roy and Queen Eleanor.



"Golden Earrings"

At the height of the dance, King Roy Gridley and Queen Eleanor Olson were crowned and entertained with the "floor show" program of musicals and readings. With a beginning at 6 o'clock Saturday evening and an ending at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, we juniors and seniors had a wonderful time at the '53 "Mardi Gras."



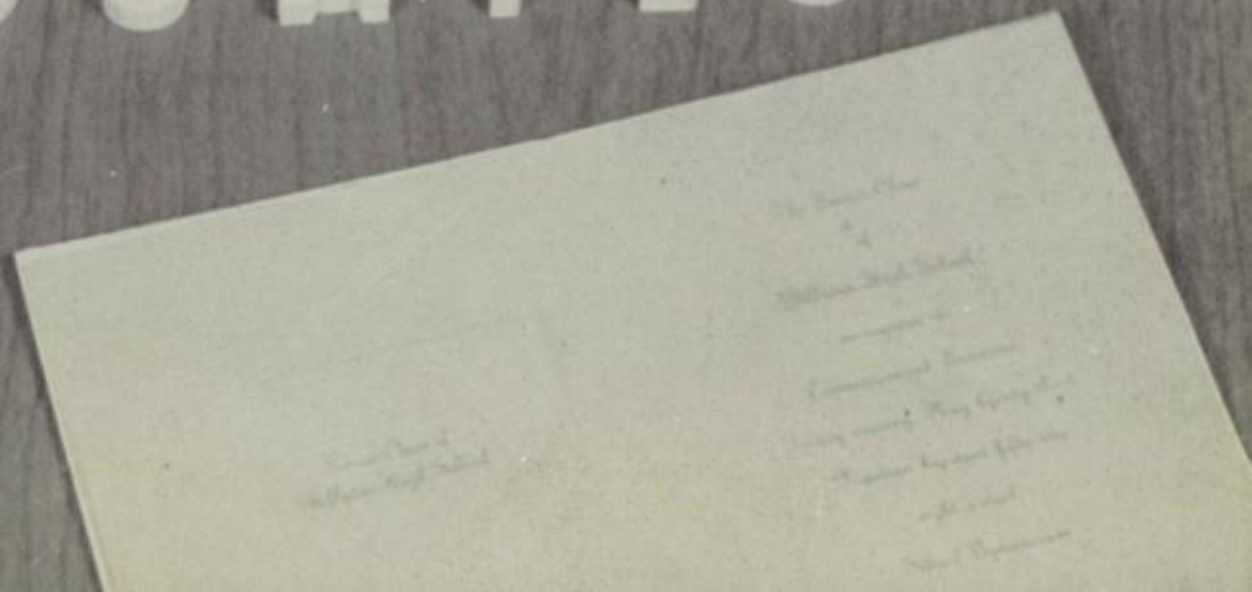
Is it hard to dance with a potato?

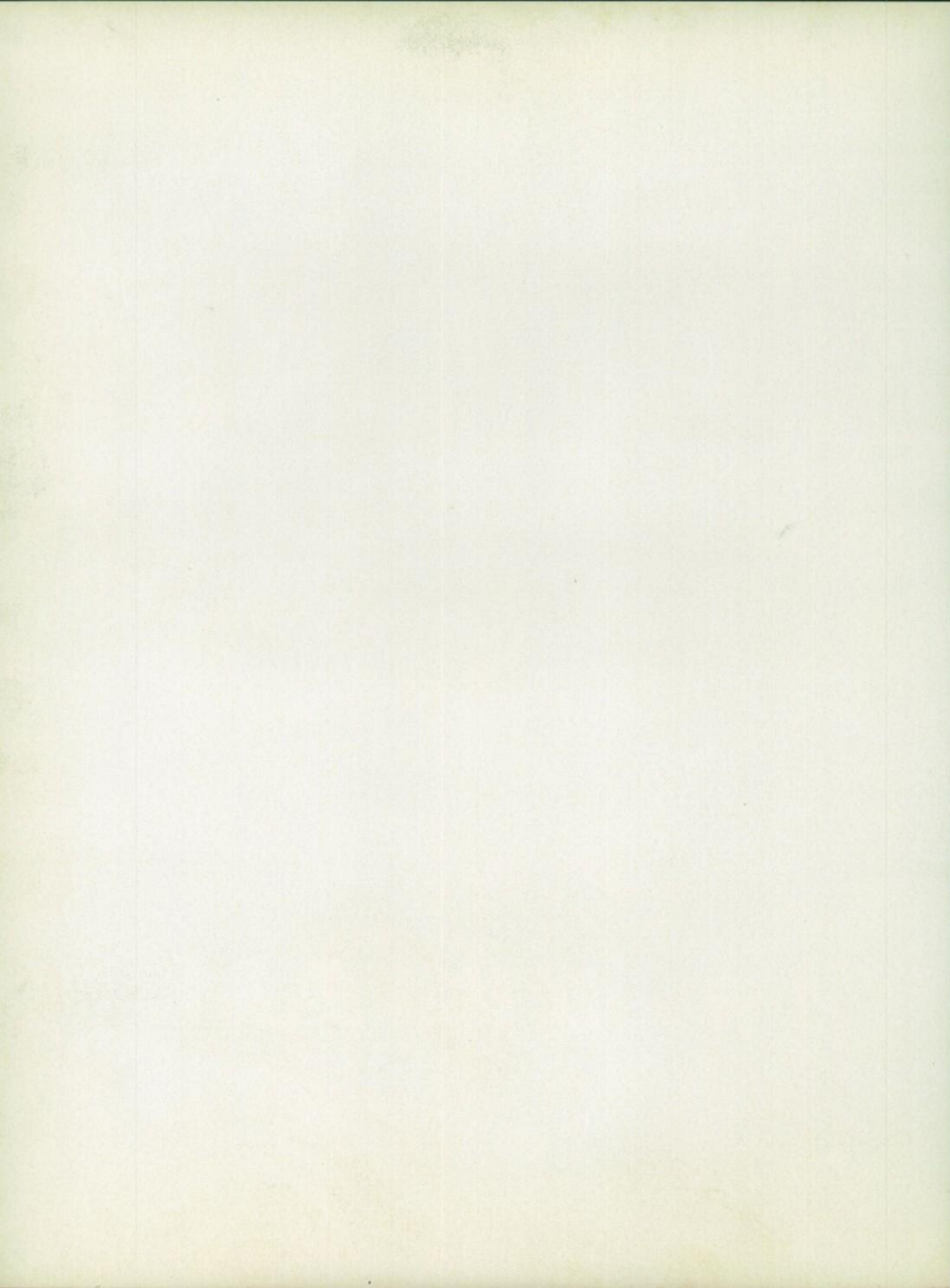


Playing jacks at the Legion Building!



GRADUATES







SANDRA ANDERSON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; G. A. A. 1; Dictator; Staff Reporter.

RODNEY AREHART

General Course; Transfer 2; Hi-Y 2-3; Track 2; F. F. A. 4; F. F. A. Judging 4.

LEONA BERNDT

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 4.

DAVID BRAINARD

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Wrestling 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4; F. F. A. Judging 1-2.

ROBERT BROWN

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2; D-Club 3-4; Play 3.

DENNIS CARMAN

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.

STANLEY CHAPIN

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Wrestling 4; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; Speech 3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3.

NEVA COCHRAN

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 4; Glee Club 3; Scholarship 3; Dictator; Reporter.

MELVIN COLYER

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4.

GARY COULTER

General Course; Student Council 4; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 3-4; D-Club 3-4; Thespian 3-4; Play 3.

JOANNE DeMAY

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Pep Band 3; Musical Demons 4; Cheerleader 3-4; Thespian 3-4; Play 3; G. A. A. 1-2; Girls' State 3; Football Queen 4; Dictator; Co-Editor.

PHILLIP ERICKSON

Collegiate Course; Hi-Y 1-2; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Soloist 2-3-4; Wrestling 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4; F. F. A. Judging 1-2.



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Seniors



GORDON EUHUS

General Course; Band 1-2-3-4; Soloist 2-3; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Pep Band 2-3-4; Musical Demons 3-4; Wrestling 2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4.



MYRNA FLASKA

General Course; Transfer 4; Y-Teen 1-2-3; Cabinet 3; Play 3; Band 1; Mixed Chorus 1-2; Glee Club 1-2.



DEE FORTIN

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Wrestling 3-4; Basketball 1-2; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4.



LEE FORTIN

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Basketball 1-2-3; Football 1-2-3-4; Co-Captain 4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4.



DONELLE GAUMER

Collegiate Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 2; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1; Football 1; Track 1; Speech 3-4; Debate 2-3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3; Dictator; Co-Editor.



LYNNE GAUMER

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Soloist 2-3-4; Cheerleader 3-4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3-4; Dictator; Art Editor.



ROY GRIDLEY

Transfer 3; Collegiate Course; Student Council 3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Basketball 3-4; Football 3-4; Co-Captain 4; Track 3-4; D-Club 4; Boys' State 3; Dictator; Sports Editor.



GARY GUINN

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Wrestling 4; Football 1-2-3; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4.



LeROY HARRIS

Transfer 3; General Course; Basketball 3; Football 3-4; D-Club 4.



ROBERT HENNINGSON

Collegiate Course; Student Council 2-3; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 2-3; Football 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Scholarship 1-2-3-4; Play 3; Dictator; Sports Editor.



DARLENE HOLLIDAY

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Scholarship 2; G.A.A. 1.



NANCY KAY JANOUSEK

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Soloist 2-4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 4; Thespians 3-4; Play 3; Scholarship 3.



HOWARD JENNINGS

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Mixed Chorus 2; Glee Club 2; Vocal Ensemble 2; Basketball 1; Football 1; Track 1; Cheerleader 4.

LAWRENCE JENNINGS

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4.

NANCY JOHNSON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Pres. 4; Band 1-2-3-4; Pep Band 2-3-4; Band Ensembles 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Soloist 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 3-4; Play 3; Scholarship 2-3.

ELWOOD JORDING

General Course; F.F.A. 1-2; F.F.A. Judging 2.

BOBBIE KING

General Course; Student Council 1-2-3-4; Pres. 4; Marshall 4; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3; Wrestling 1-3; D-Club 2-3-4; Boys' State 3.

RAYMOND KING

General Course; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4.

FRANCES KRIZEK

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Dictator; Reporter.

GALEN KRIZEK

General Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Glee Club 3; Track 3.

JACK KUMP

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Pep Band 4; Musical Demons 4.

CARL LAFFERTY

Voc. Ag. Course; Student Council 4; Class Officer 3-4; Pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Glee Club 3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Basketball 1; Football 1-2-3; Track 1; Play 3; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Judging 1-2-3-4.

ANN LEAKE

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3; Thespian 3-4; Play 3.

SHIRLEY LOGAN

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 2.



of 1953



Seniors

PEGGY LONG CARMAN
Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3; Thespian 3-4; Play 3;
Dictator; Circulation Manager.



MARLO MAGERS
Transfer 2; General Course; Hi-Y 2-3-4; Cabinet 2-3-4; Mixed
Chorus 2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 2-3-4; Track 2-3.



JERRIDEE MANNING
Commercial Course; Class Officer 2; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-
3-4; Pep Band 2-3-4; Musical Demons 4; Dictator; Reporter.



JERRY MARIETTA
General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Wrestling 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-
3-4; D-Club 2-3-4.



BERTHA BOOKER MATCHETT
Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Glee Club
2-3; Thespian 3; Play 3; Scholarship 1; G. A. A. 1.



JACKSON METCALF
Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club
3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3-4; Soloist 3-4; Basketball 1; Track 3-4;
D-Club 4; Thespian 3-4; Play 3; F. F. A. 1-2-3-4.



REX MOORE
General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 1; Basketball 1-2-3-4;
Football 2; Track 3-4.



STANLEY MOORE
General Course; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-
2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4.



JANETTE NELSON
General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4;
Band Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4;
Soloist 1-2; Pep Band 2-3-4; Musical Demons 3-4; Dictator;
Typist.



ELEANOR OLSON
D. C. H. S. 1-2-4; Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-4; Band 1-2-3-
4; Band Ensemble 2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-4;
Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Soloist 2; Pep Band 2-3-4; Thespian 4;
Scholarship 1-2; Dictator; Feature Editor.



PATTY O'TOOLE
Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2; Thespian 3-4; Cheerleader 3;
Play 3; G. A. A. 1; Dictator; Business Manager.



BILL POLLNOW
Voc. Ag. Course; Basketball 1-2; Football 1-2; Track 1; F. F. A.
1-2-3-4.



GLYNDA POLLNOW

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Pep Band 3-4.

DIXIE RATHBUN

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 3-4; Mixed Chorus 2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Soloist 4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons; Pres. 4; Dictator; Feature Editor.

DELMAR RICHARDS

General Course; Hi-Y 1-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Soloist 4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 4; Track 4.

DARLENE RICHARDSON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Thespian 4; Play 3.

JACK ROBERTS

General Course; Football 1-3.

JACK SABIN

General Course; Hi-Y 3-4; Football 1.

JIM SAWYER

Transfer 4; Collegiate Course; Hi-Y 4; Band 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Glee Club 4; Vocal Ensemble 4; Debate 4.

ROBERT SCHMOKER

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-3-4; Glee Club 1-3-4; Wrestling 1-4; D-Club 2-3-4; Speech Festival 1.

DON SHAW

Voc. Ag. Course; Student Council 1-2-3; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 3; Soloist 1-3-4; Wrestling 1-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club 2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4.

LILLIAN SKUBAL

Transfer 4; General Course; Class Officer 3; Y-Teen 1-2-3; Cabinet 2-3; Band 2-3; Mixed Chorus 1-2; Glee Club 1-2; Pep Band 2-3; Play 3; Girls' State 3.

BONNIE TAYLOR

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Soloist 3-4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 3-4; Thespian 3-4; Play 3; Scholarship.

AMY JANE THOMSEN

Collegiate Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Band 3-4; Band Ensemble 4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Vocal Ensemble 1-2-3-4; Thespian 3-4; Play 3; Scholarship 2-3.



of 1953



Seniors

RONALD TORLUEMKE

Voc. Ag. Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 3-4; Pres. 4; Band 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Glee Club 3-4; Pep Band 2-3-4; Musical Demons 4; Speech Festival 3; Debate 2-3-4; Thespian 4; Play 3; Scholarship 2-3; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. Judging 1-2-3-4.



SHIRLEY UFFORD MUIRHEAD

Commercial Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3; Pep Band 3-4; Musical Demons 4.

CLETA VACURA

Transfer 4; General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3; Cabinet 3; Band 1-2-3; Mixed Chorus 1-2; Glee Club 1-2; Play 3.



CLARA BELLE VERNON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Cabinet 4; G. A. A. 1-2-3; Dictator; Art Editor.

DENNIS VERNON

Commercial Course; Hi-Y 1-4; Wrestling 3; Basketball 1; Football 1-2-3; Track 1-2-3-4; D-Club; F.F.A. 1-2.



EVAN VERNON

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1.

VIRGINIA VERNON

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Band Ensembles 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 4; Soloist 1-2-3-4; Musical Demons 2-3-4; Pep Band 1-2-3-4; Scholarship 2.



LAWRENCE WEAVER

Transfer 3; General Course; Vocal Ensemble 2; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3; Track 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; D-Club 3-4; Play 3.

MARILYN WHITE

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; G. A. A. 1; Dictator; Reporter.

MEREDITH WHITE

General Course; Hi-Y 1-2-3; Cabinet 2; Basketball 1-3; Track 3-4; D-Club 3-4; Dictator; Grade Editor.

PAUL WINDER

General Course; Hi-Y 2; Basketball 1; Track 1.

DONNA WITT

General Course; Y-Teen 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4.





Twelve Years We Shared Ups and Downs



Senior Breakfast

Our

D.C.H.S. Goal is Here

Dear Diary,

Now we wind up our senior year, the most precious year of all. Some of us have spent twelve years together, preparing ourselves for adulthood. But working together was fun----- who could possibly forget the class play, "Arsenic and Old Lace"? Or the final senior assembly with its fun and frolic as we said good-bye?

When graduation drew near, we were so busy we didn't have time to feel sad. Baccalaureate Service with its helpful suggestions lent a thoughtful note to our last week together.

Then came senior breakfast, when we met to begin our last day together. The program carried us through the seven stages of man----the bawling infant, the whining schoolboy, the sighing lover, the brave soldier, the wise and formal justice, the lean and slipper'd pantaloons, and finally the second childhood.

And now, dear Diary, as our four years at D.C.H.S. go down in the school's history, we close our book with Commencement.

The Senior Class



Sighing Lover



Bawling Infant



Second Childhood



Whining School Boy



CLASS OF 1953

Decatur Community High School

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 17, 1953

High School Auditorium

Eight O'Clock



COMMENCEMENT

CLASS

Sandra Anderson
Rodney Arehart
Leona Berndt
David Brainard
Robert Brown
Dennis Carman
Peggy Carman
Stanley Chapin
Neva Cochran
Melvin Colyer
Gary Coulter
Joanne DeMay
Phillip Erickson
Gordon Euhus
Myrna Flaska
Dee Fortin
Lee Fortin
Lynne Gaumer
Donelle Gaumer
Roy Gridley
Gary Guinn
Leroy Harris
Robert Henningson
Darlene Holliday
Nancy Kay Janousek
Howard Jennings
Lawrence Jennings
Nancy Johnson
Elwood Jording
Bobbie King
Ray King
Frances Krizek
Galen Krizek
Jack Kump
Carl Lafferty
Ann Leake

D.C.H.S. Band 7:45 p.m.
Komm, Susser Tod Johann Sebastian Bach
Marcho Poco Donald I. Moore
Irene Overture Joseph McCarthy and Harry Tierney
Auld Lang Syne arr. K. L. King

Processional
Vernadean Euhus Erma Jean Muckey
Ruth Laidig Marcille Holmberg

Invocation The Reverend Luther Kurtz
Greetings Carl Lafferty
class president

What's School For? Roy Gridley

Back Through The Year of '53
Narrator—Ronald Torluemke

Don Shaw "The Builder"
Instrumental Ensemble "Chapel Shrine"
Delmar Richards, Bonnie Taylor, Jim Sawyer,
Nancy Kay Janousek, Naney Johnson, Shirley
Muirhead, Joanne DeMay, Janette Nelson, Glyn-
da Pollnow, Virginia Vernon.

Vocal Ensemble "Younger than Springtime" and "Into The Night"
Shirley Logan, Ann Leake, Lynne Gaumer, Eleanor
Olson, Dixie Rathbun, Amy Jane Thomsen, Lawrence
Weaver, Jack Metcalf, Phil Erickson, Jack Kump, Gor-
don Euhus, Gary Coulter.

Bob Brown "Thanks for the Memory."
"And In The Future?" Donelle Gaumer

Presentation of the Class Supt. H. G. Mahon

Presentation of the Diplomas Ward Claar

School Anthem Class of '53 and audience

Benediction The Reverend Paul Brooks

Recessional
Sylvia Mahon Phyllis Anderson
Kay Rezner Marcia Petracek

ROLL

Shirley Logan
Marlo Magers
Jerridee Manning
Jerry Marietta
Bertha Matchett
Jack Metcalf
Rex Moore
Stanley Moore
Shirley Muirhead
Janette Nelson
Eleanor Olson
Patty O'Toole
Bill Pollnow
Glynda Pollnow
Dixie Rathbun
Delmar Richards
Darlene Richardson
Jack Roberts
Jack Sabin
Jim Sawyer
Bob Schmoker
Don Shaw
Lillian Skubal
Bonnie Taylor
Amy Jane Thomsen
Ronald Torluemke
Cleta Vacura
Clara Belle Vernon
Dennie Vernon
Evan Vernon
Virginia Vernon
Lawrence Weaver
Marilyn White
Meredith White
Paul Winder
Donna Witt





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